Decrease in area of cultivation

1184. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area of cultivation under various crops has been decreasing continuously during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:

(c) the comparative figures of cultivable area recorded during in Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans, State-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b): As per the latest available data on land use (2004-05), the total area under cultivation (the aggregate of net area sown and current fallow land) under various crops during the last three years has gone up from 154.3 million hectares during 2002-03 to 155.7 million hectares during 2004-05.

(c) State-wise comparative figures of cultivable land (the aggregate of net area sown, current fallow land, old fallow land, culturable waste land and land under misc. tree crops) at the end of the Ninth Plan period (2001-02) and the latest available date for the year 2004-05 during the Tenth Plan Period (2002—07) are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) The land resource management falls within the jurisdiction of the State Governments. The Union Government plays an advisory role in the matter so that cultivable land does not get diverted for non-agricultural purposes. However, legislative provisions preventing the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses exist in most of the States.

Statement

State-wise Cultivable land for the Year 2001-02 and 2004-05 (Provisional)

(Thousand/hectare)

State/UT/Year	Cultivable Land
1	2
ANDHRA PRADESH	
2001-02	15816.2
2004-05	15769.0
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	
2001-02	314.3
2004-05 (P)	314.3
ASSAM	
2001-02	3224.0
2004-05 (P)	3224.0
BIHAR	
2001-02	6641.6
2004-05	6639.5
CHHITTISGARH	
2001-02	5611.7
2004-05	5595.4
GOA	
2001-02	197.2
2004-05 (P)	197.2
GUJARAT	
2001-02	12357.0
2004-05	12551.7
HARYANA	
2001-02	3776.1
2004-05	3780.4

1	2
HIMACHAL PRADESH	
2001-02	801.4
2004-05	805.3
JAMMU and KASHMIR	
2001-02	1050.4
2004-05 (P)	1050.4
JHARKHAND	
2001-02	4184.4
2004-05 (P)	4184.4
KARNATAKA	
2001-02	12910.5
2004.05	12906.3
KERALA	
2001-02	2381.7
2004-05	2344.7
MADHYA PRADESH	
2001-02	17336.1
2004-05	17362.0
MAHARASHTRA	
2001-02	21196.3
2004-05	21176.4
MANIPUR	
2001-02	223.0
2004-05	245.3
MEGHALAYA	
2001-02	1053.3
2004-05	1057.4
MIZORAM	

1	2
2001-02	313.8
2004-05	335.5
NAGALAND	
2001-02	678.2
2004-05	644.8
ORISSA	
2001-02	7473.0
2004-05 (P)	7473.0
PUNJAB	
2001-02	4289.9
2004-05	4269.6
RAJASTHAN	
2001-02	25649.5
2004-05	25629.8
SIKKIM	
2001-02	155.1
2004-05	154.2
TAMIL NADU	
2001-02	8265.5
2004-05	8157.2
TRIPURA	
2001-02	309.5
2004-05 (P)	309.5
UTTARANCHAL	
2001-02	1515.7
2004-05	1527.3
UTTAR PRADESH	
2001-02	19334.0
2004-05	19530.5

1	2
WEST BENGAL	
2001-02	5933.3
2004-05	5808.1
A&N ISLAND	
2001-02	23.9
2004-05 (P)	23.9
CHANDIGARH	
2001-02	2.2
2004-05 (P)	2.2
D&N HAVELI	
2001-02	24.3
2004-05 (P)	24.3
DAMAN AND DIU	2.0
2001-02	
2004-05 (P)	2.0
DELHI	
2001-02	58.1
2004-05	58.0
LAKSHADWEEP	
2001-02	2.7
2004-05 (P)	2.7
PONDICHERRY	
2001-02	32.9
2004-05	31.4
ALL INDIA	
2001-02	**183138.5**
2004-05	**183096.7**